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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Syed Sajid Ahmad

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DEPTH OF IMMERSION OF A
SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT IN AN
EXPOSED SURFACE OF VISCOUS FLUID
(as amended)

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Examiner: M. Trinh

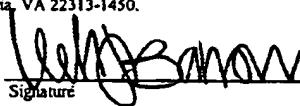
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The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Final Office Action mailed May 5, 2004, the three-month shortened statutory period for